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SATELLITE COMMITTEE

SERVICES DIVISION

25X1A9a On 1 May the Committee discussed the level of the Reichsbahn's coal reserve as a possible indication of the imminence of hostilities. (S/TR) reported that early in April of 1957, the Reichsbahn reserves grew from about 5 days to a little over 9 days supply. On 29 April the supply had reached 16 days reserve.

25X1A9a The Committee also discussed a CSM under preparation (S/TR) on the current status of Soviet Bloc Economic Coordination and Integration. The tentative conclusion reached in the CSM is that multilateral economic relations among the members of CECA have been giving way to more bilateralism since the Hungarian and Polish uprisings. It is expected, however, that as soon as the USSR consolidates her hold in the Satellites, once again the trend toward multilateralism will return. Some evidence of this return already exists. 25X1A9a

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The Committee also discussed the possible effect on the Satellites of the current Soviet economic reorganization.

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On 15 May the Committee will hear a report on the current political situation in East Germany from (S/TR) of OCI.

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